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This issue of the Washington Massage News, will bring to a close this years news letter. The coming state meeting to be held in Yakima June 3rd and 4th, will bring to a close this years state official business.

We have passed a rather quiet and unproductive year as far as membership is concerned, we did have some anxious moments during the legislative session. We faired very well considering our small membership that was not even very cooperative in assisting our legislative committee. We can be ever thankful to Arthur Dunbar, chairman of the legislative committee, for his "know how", in legislative matters. We received splendid support from a group of non members who were concerned about their own livelihood, so put their shoulders to the wheel and helped us roll on to a safe two years more.

I regret that I could not have been more active and really accomplished something worth while this past year, circumstances beyond my control (at least to my thinking) prevented me from attending meetings. I have always looked forward to the friendly contacts of both state and national meetings.

At the moment of this writing, it does not look favorable for me to attend our state meeting in Yakima. If I am not there in person, I will be in spirit, and wish each and every one a very favorable state meeting. I hope we have at least fifty new members this next year. Our national has made it very liberal for new members to join with us, which any non member therapist can't afford, to not take advantage of.

This will be my farewell, wishing success and harmony for the future.

Fraternally,

Blossom G. Guntley R.M.T.
Washington State President

I have received a communication from National President George D. Gammon, stating that if it is possible for him to do so, he will pay Washington State a visit this summer very likely after the National Convention in Omaha.

He has very kindly offered to give us a hand in organizing a new membership. He realizes Washington has a great potential, if someone will put forth an effort, to contact prospective members.

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There were one hundred Seattle city licenses issued for 1961 to Massage Therapists, within the city limits, it would be a pretty fair guess to say there are as many if not more in the adjoining community.

I feel it would be a wise thing, for our State meeting to make arrangements to help defray President Gammons expenses, if he makes this effort to help organize these non members and put Washington State back in the bracket where it rightly belongs.

The National now has around five hundred members, which is more than we have ever had, but that is a very small membership compared to the great number of non members. We should have two or three thousand, then we could begin to feel a little strength and security.

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OUR REGRET

While attending the Washington state executive board meeting in Ellensburg, Washington, we learned from Russel C. Soper, who is also a state director, that he had contributed some items of interest relating to Massage Therapy, that he had compiled over the years in his scrap book. The book was getting office worn, so he removed some of the most important items and mailed them to the Massage News, for his article to be in February issue.

We are sorry to say that they were never received, or they would have been in that issue.

When I became your editor of the Washington Massage News, I promised to publish every item bearing writers signature, regardless of contents, length, etc., that I have done.

I am very sorry the items were lost in the mail, we have surely needed them, I am glad to know that Russel did not let us down.

Ed.

We learned also, that William Schwartz of Yakima, one of our recent new members, had passed away.

The Washington Massage News expresses the sympathy of the entire membership. Mr. Swartz was a member of only one year. We regret that we did not get to know him better.

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CHITZEN RICHARD RITTNER

If you use the crepe paper sani-treads in your practice, you can use them several times, by putting each individual patients name or initials on them. They are manufactured all in one size, so cut two or three inches off the sole at the heel for the women, they will invariably step on one or both heels and tear them. Sometimes you can use a piece of masking tape to mend the rips.

If your rubber sheets that you use on your tables have tendency to roll at the edges, turn the edge the opposite way and have it hemmed, it will lay flat and never roll.

Buy your alcohol in plastic bottles, then use the plastic bottle when empty for your squeeze dispenser for your Message lotions, mineral oil, etc. Make dandy handy dispensers, with a regular screw type dispensing cap. Label them with an enamel paint for easy identification.

CHOICE BITS = VITA RAYS
The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention. A.T.M.A

It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

It shouldn't be necessary to blow out the other fellows light
to let yours shine.

CATS AND PEOPLE

The following essay on "Cats and People" was turned in by an astute pupil.

"Cats and people are funny animals, cats have four paws but only one ma. People have forefathers and only one mother. "When a cat smells a rat he gets excited; so do people. Cats don't carry tails, and a lot of people carry tales, tool. All cats have fur coats, some people have fur coats, and the ones who don't have fur coats say catty things about the ones who have them."

SEATTLE CHAPTER MEETING

Seattle local chapter of A.M.T.A. held their annual election of officers at the home of Arthur and Dorothy Mann on Sunday, May 21st.

The meeting was called to order by President Arthur Dunbar. Minutes were read by Secretary & Treasurer Regina Williams, and approved by the assembly. Old and new business was taken and cared for in turn.

Election of officers for the coming year were duly nominated and elected, with the result that one of our new members, Ed Miller was elected President and James Weir, another new member to the vice Presidents chair. Regina Williams was re elected as Sec & Treas.

I would like to take this opportunity to say, that Seattle local chapter and Washington state chapter, and the National Association is very fortunate in having three new members who are very fine, professional appearing young men. These men have excellent back grounds, all being licensed in the drugless therapy field, from another branch of the healing arts. They have qualified as Massage Therapists because they feel that they can do so much more for their patients through Massage Therapy, than they have been able to do by their previously chosen therapy.

These men are Ed Miller, James Weir, and Don Oleson. I know the entire A.M.T.A. membership joins with this Massage News, in extending a hearty welcome to these men.

Ed

Washington State Meeting for Massage Therapists will be held June 3rd and 4th at Hotel Chieftan, Yakima, Washington.

Every member should make an extra effort to attend their State meeting. You owe it to your Association, as well as yourself, to make a sacrifice if necessary to attend this once a year meeting.

A PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE AGED

"Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask grace enough to enjoy the tilcs of other pains, but help me endure them with patience."